

(12) INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PUBLISHED UNDER THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

(19) World Intellectual Property  
Organization  
International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date  
15 January 2004 (15.01.2004)

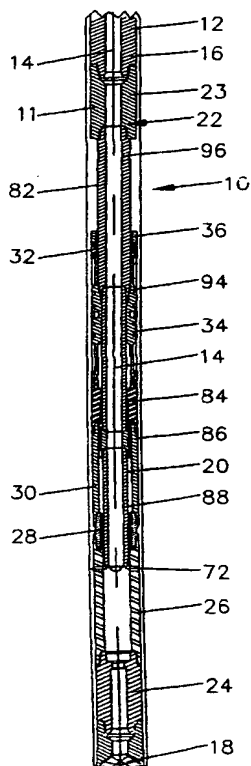
PCT

(10) International Publication Number  
**WO 2004/005668 A1**

- (51) International Patent Classification<sup>7</sup>: **E21B 31/00**, 31/03, 17/05, 17/10, 31/107
- (21) International Application Number: PCT/US2003/021537
- (22) International Filing Date: 10 July 2003 (10.07.2003)
- (25) Filing Language: English
- (26) Publication Language: English
- (30) Priority Data: 60/395,739 10 July 2002 (10.07.2002) US
- (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): **COL-LAPSING STABILIZER TOOL, LTD** [US/US]; P.O. Box 769, Breckenridge, TX 76424 (US).
- (72) Inventor: **BAIRD, Jeffery, D.** [US/US]; P.O. Box 769, Breckenridge, TX 76424 (US).
- (74) Agent: **SISSON, Thomas, E.**; Jackson Walker L.L.P., Suite 2100, 112 E. Pecan Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 (US).
- (81) Designated States (*national*): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.
- (84) Designated States (*regional*): ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE, SI, SK, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: DOWNHOLE DRILL STRING HAVING A COLLAPSIBLE SUBASSEMBLY



(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for allowing a downhole drill string to be stuck at one location and continue to rotate above the stuck section. The apparatus provides a method for collapsing the stuck subassembly by reducing its outside diameter. Simultaneous with the subassembly collapse, a jarring action is initiated from within the drill string to further loosen the stuck sections. At the same time drilling fluid inside the string is allowed to circulate outside the string through a circulation sub. The fluid is forced around the stuck subassembly further increasing the likelihood that the subassembly will be freed.

WO 2004/005668 A1